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Selectboard Special Meeting 10/24/2023

Present at the meeting were Ricky Morin, Clayton Whittemore, Melissa Whitcomb, Craig Rounds, and Craig Kneeland

This purpose of this meeting was to do a final walkthrough of the Lake Eden Rec Area for season's close.

Ricky opened the meeting at 5:05pm

Craig R. proceeded to explain the process and procedures done for the closing of the Rec Area.

The water system has been closed down to include draining water from all pipes and fixtures and the hot water shut down.

The propane has been turned off, mowers cleaned and put away, swim rope and buoys stored in the shed along with the toy diggers from the beach area. Craig R. recommended servicing the mower next fall before storage as it was recently done in the middle of this season.

The chain will be locked at the entrance at the conclusion of the meeting and anyone still needing to get their boats will need to drag them up the hill by hand and load them. There are still quite a few kayak/boats left. We will need new locks for the gate next year.

Ricky asked if the bathrooms needed anything and Craig R. stated the handicap stall in the men's room needs the inner parts replaced. Some other needs include potentially filling with gravel around the shelters as one in particular has had a lot of it washed away in the rain creating a significant drop on one side and could be cause for concern as far as tripping. It may benefit from installing some sort of drainage.

The play equipment is fine other than a small crack in the slide. The Selectboard discussed the possibility of welding the plastic. The play area is probably going to need mulch added next year. Ricky believes he already has some on hand that can be used.

Trash pickup was discussed as Hillside is said to be closing before next Summer. Melissa will look into other local options for pickup.

The docks are still in the water, the road crew hasn't had time to come down with equipment to remove them yet and it is a little more difficult to get in there with the new kayak rack and bench as well as all of the remaining boats on the ground. Ricky will make sure the docks are taken care of.

The Candace Vear Memorial Bench is installed and the plaque put on in appreciation of her dedication and years of service to the Town of Eden. The location was chosen with the view in mind as Candy loved to be on the lake.

Next at the request of Craig K., the Selectboard moved across the road to the Old Manager's House/Cabin which has been the subject of discussion over many years. The building is dilapidated and Craig K. has expressed concerns with safety with the board agreeing. Communication has been ongoing through the years between the Town of Eden and the State of Vermont regarding what can and can't happen with the site. It has been determined that it is not considered historical and the topic will be added to the agenda in the Spring to come up with a plan for removal. In the meantime, Melissa will inquire as to whether any kind of permitting is necessary. Craig K. also expressed that he believes that the power pole is being replaced by the electric company. Melissa will reach out to Tucker Williams to verify. Craig K. also found what he thought might be an old gravestone but was unable to locate it while we were there. The selectboard asked that if he finds it again to place some kind of marker near it and they will check it out next year. This should not affect the teardown of the building as there are no plans to dig and it is also not near the building.

Ricky motioned to adjourn at 6:10 pm Clayton seconded, so adjourned.

Melissa Whitcomb, Town Clerk and Treasurer